## \*Update-Teen Arrested\* State Police Detectives Investigating Shots Fired in Little Creek

**Little Creek** — The Delaware State Police have arrested a 16-year-old teen in connection with the October shootings in Little Creek.

The first incident took place on Friday October 15, 2021, at approximately 12:06 a.m. in the 300 block of Main Street when residents in the area were awakened to the sound of gunfire. Upon further examination, one resident located multiple bullet holes in their house. Troopers canvassed the area and discovered 22 spent shell casings on the west side of the residence in the roadway.

The second incident occurred this morning, Sunday October 17, 2021 around 4:08 a.m. when once again, residents in the same area were awakened to the sound of gun shots. The same house that was shot on Friday had more damage from bullets during this occurrence. Troopers canvassed the area, and discovered more than 30 spent shell casings on the west side of the residence in the roadway.

There were no reported injuries to anyone in the house during either event.

The suspects were described as three males wearing dark colored clothing. After firing the rounds, the suspects entered into two separate light colored sedans and fled northbound on Bayside Drive (SR9).

On October 18, 2021, a 16-year-old teen was arrested by Dover Police Department after he was found to be in possession of a

firearm in Dover High School. See press release issued by Dover PD: Dover High School Student Arrested for Possessing Firearm on Campus. Upon recovering the handgun and ammunition, detectives from the Delaware State Police and Dover Police Department worked together in gathering information and sent the gun to the Forensic Firearms Services Unit for further follow-up. Upon firing the gun in the forensic lab, it was determined the shell casings recovered at the scene in Little Creek matched the ammunition and casings from the recovered handgun.

On Friday December 18, 2021, detectives responded the teen's residence in Smyrna and took him into custody. He was transported back to Troop 3 where he was charged with:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony
- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited (Juvenile)
- Reckless Endangering 1st (2 counts)
- Conspiracy 1st
- Criminal Mischief (2 counts)

The juvenile was arraigned at JP7 and released on \$26,050.00 unsecured bond.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents or information regarding additional suspects should contact Detective K. Diaz by calling 302-698-8443. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <a href="https://www.delawarecrimestoppers.com">www.delawarecrimestoppers.com</a>.

<u>Original Release-State Police Detectives Investigating Shots</u> <u>Fired in Little Creek</u>

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Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the Victim Services Unit at <a href="mailto:DSP\_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov">DSP\_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov</a>.

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